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THE KEFAUVER BOARDING HOUSE
Ellicott City
Private

Circa 1845
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The Kefauver Boarding House faces west on the east side of Old Frederick Road. It is a threebay wide, one room deep, two and a half story, gabled roof (running north-south) granite block structure with two square north and south, brick chimneys and a two story high kitchen wing on its east wall, which creates an "L" plan. It features a rectangular, roman arched paneled entrance, flanked by two side lights and surmounted by a five light transom. Two tall, rectangular first floor windows which are proportionally scaled and vertically aligned to those above rest on each side of the entrance. A central "A" frame dormer window holds a double-hung roman arched window with one-over-one lights.

The interior features original staircase, wood work and mantle pieces and random width pine floors.

Notable as a Dorsey property in 1845, cut out of a larger tract of land called Mount Hebron, the Kefauver Boarding House is most significant as the site where the first Girl Scout Troupe of Howard County was formed under the auspices of Mrs. Kefauver, first Troupe leader, some thirty-five years ago.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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Dist. 2

MAGI #1402835404

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

KEFAUVER BOARDING HOUSE

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

8507 Old Freerick Road

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th Dist.

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Howard

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT
☐ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES RESTRICTED
☐ YES UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mrs. Mary L. Kefauver

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

8507 Old Frederick Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Md. 21043**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.Tax Map 18 p. 19
Hall of Records

Liber #: 321

Folio #: 209

STREET & NUMBER

Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1978

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Kefauver Boarding House faces west on the east side of Old Frederick Road at its intersection with Old Annapolis Road. It stands on a gentle slope of ground on a twenty acre tract of land. Upon this land, north of the house, is a deep hole which has been filled in over the years, from which the hand hewn ashlar cut granite blocks were quarried for the construction of this stone house. Chisel marks on the stone are still visible, indicative of this.

The house is a three bay wide, one room deep, two and a half story high, gabled roof (running north-south), hand hewn ashlar, granite block structure with tall, square, corbeled brick chimneys inset into its north and south walls. A two bay wide, one room deep, two story high, gabled roof (running east-west), stone structure extends from the north side of its east wall, creating an "L" plan with a tall, square chimney inset into its east wall. It holds a first floor kitchen with bedroom above. Fenestration is double-hung, vertically aligned and proportionally scaled, decorated with flat stone lintels and projecting stone sills.

WEST ELEVATION

The west elevation of the main house holds a central rectangular, roman arched paneled entrance door, flanked by two side lights and surmounted by a five light transom. A tall, rectangular double-hung window, holding four-over-six lights, decorated with a flat stone lintel and green shutters rests on each side of the entrance. Three vertically aligned, proportionally scaled, second floor, similar windows lie above, holding four-over-four lights. A central intersecting "A" framed dormer window, whose west wall lies flush with the wall of the west facade holds a roman arched, double-hung window with one-over-one lights.

NORTH ELEVATION

The north elevation holds three first and second floor windows, similar to those described with two rectangular double-hung, attic windows with four-over-four lights, the latter of which also appear on the south elevations which holds only two second floor windows and on the first floor only one tall first floor window, holding four-over-six lights in the west bay and a semi-octagonally shaped first floor bay window in the east bay. Each of the three sides of the bay window holds a tall, rectangular, double-hung window with four-over-four lights, decorated with green shutters.

INTERIOR

This main section of the house features wide, random width floors and holds a central hall and staircase, with curvilinear spindles, original banister and knewel post. The south side of the hall holds a living room with central Greek revival style mantel piece. Two entrances from the hall lead into this room and into the dining room on the other side of the hall. The dining room features a cupboard

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which passes through to the kitchen on the other side of the wall, used to pass food from the kitchen to the dining room.

The east wall of the house holds a first floor living room window similar to the others, a central rectangular entrance, surmounted by a three light transom which leads into a one story high, shed roofed porch which was widened by about a foot and completely enclosed by Mr. Kefauver, and a rectangular entrance on the east wall of the dining room which leads into the two story high, gabled roof (running east-west) stone kitchen wing. This wing holds a first and second floor window on its north wall and a first floor rectangular entrance which leads onto the enclosed porch on its south wall. It features a fine mantelpiece on its east wall, composed of pilasters, decorated with elongated ovals and an architrave of similar decoration, topped by a shelf. The northwest corner of the kitchen is taken up by an enclosed oneway staircase with batten wood door leading to the room above. The porch's south entrance has a six-over-six light window on the west and a tripartite window, each component holding six-over-six lights on its east.

A circular driveway is located on the north side of the building which is surrounded by well kept lawn on a twenty acre tract of land which was once composed of thirty acres, ten of which was acquired by the state for a forest conservation zone along the Patapsco River.

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Circa 1845

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Kefauver Boarding House is significant historically and architecturally.

Historically it is associated with the Dorsey family who laid out the large tract of land called Mt. Hebron. The house is located on a part of this tract and was probably constructed by a Dorsey, who owned the land in 1845. An unusual number of Howard County Landmarks can be traced back to this outstanding family all of whom were prodigious builders and foremost in the settlement of Howard County.

The building passed through several owners until it was acquired by Mr. and Mrs. Kefauver who have now owned the house for some 46 years. For many of these years it served as a Boarding House. It is most notable historically, however, as the site where the first Girl Scout Troupe of Howard County was formed under the auspices of Mrs. Kefauver. Mrs. Monica Rothe, Chairman of the Bicentennial Committee in Howard County was one of Mrs. Kefauver's scouts. It would be an interesting exercise to note how many women who have become civic leaders in Howard County were educated to the ideals of service by Mrs. Kefauver or indirectly through her, by her establishment of the Girl Scouts of America in Howard County. Mary Lewin Clark Handwerk, archivist for the Howard County Historical Society and member of the Maryland Historical Trust's County Committee was a Troupe leader. This is only one example of many which could be found. In addition, Mrs. Kefauver, who began a chapter of the scouts in 1935 in Howard County, was honored by that chapter in the 4th of July Parade in 1976.

The ideals and ability to serve the community which are the hall marks of all the Scout Programs, have provided the state and Howard County with numerous dedicated citizens throughout the years.

Architecturally, the building is exceptional, one of the few granite block, romanesque revival style buildings of this type. Many two story high, five bay wide, central hall - one room deep, frame houses are scattered throughout Howard County with the central "A" framed dormer windows holding a roman window. It is unusual, however,

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to find this style in granite, this granite of which was quarried on the property, the chissel marks, still to be seen on the granite blocks.

Not only the style of the house, its fine tall windows of the first floor facade, and graceful one story, open porch, but the fine stone work exemplified by the flat stone lintels and projecting stone sills of the windows, make this building of exceptional merit architecturally. The interior retains its original hall and staircase, as well as three fine first floor mantle pieces.

Of outstanding historic and architectural significance to Howard County, the Kefauver Boarding House should be considered for inclusion to the National Register of Historic Places and the State Critical Areas Program.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Interview with Mrs. Mary Kefauver on April 28, 1978 at her home.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 20.745 Acres

Please see attachment 1, Tax Map 18, p. 19

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 321, Folio 209

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland COUNTY Howard

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

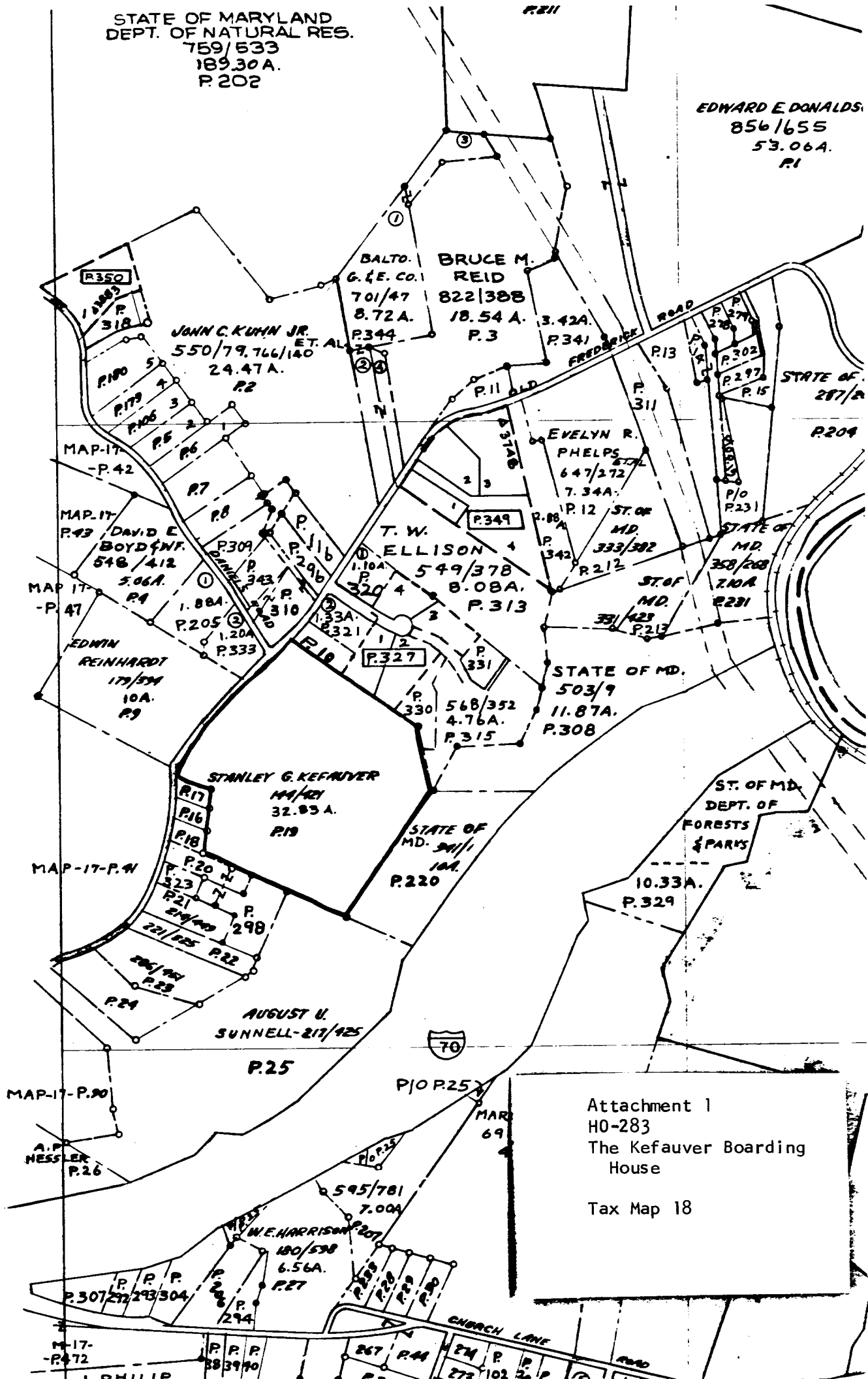
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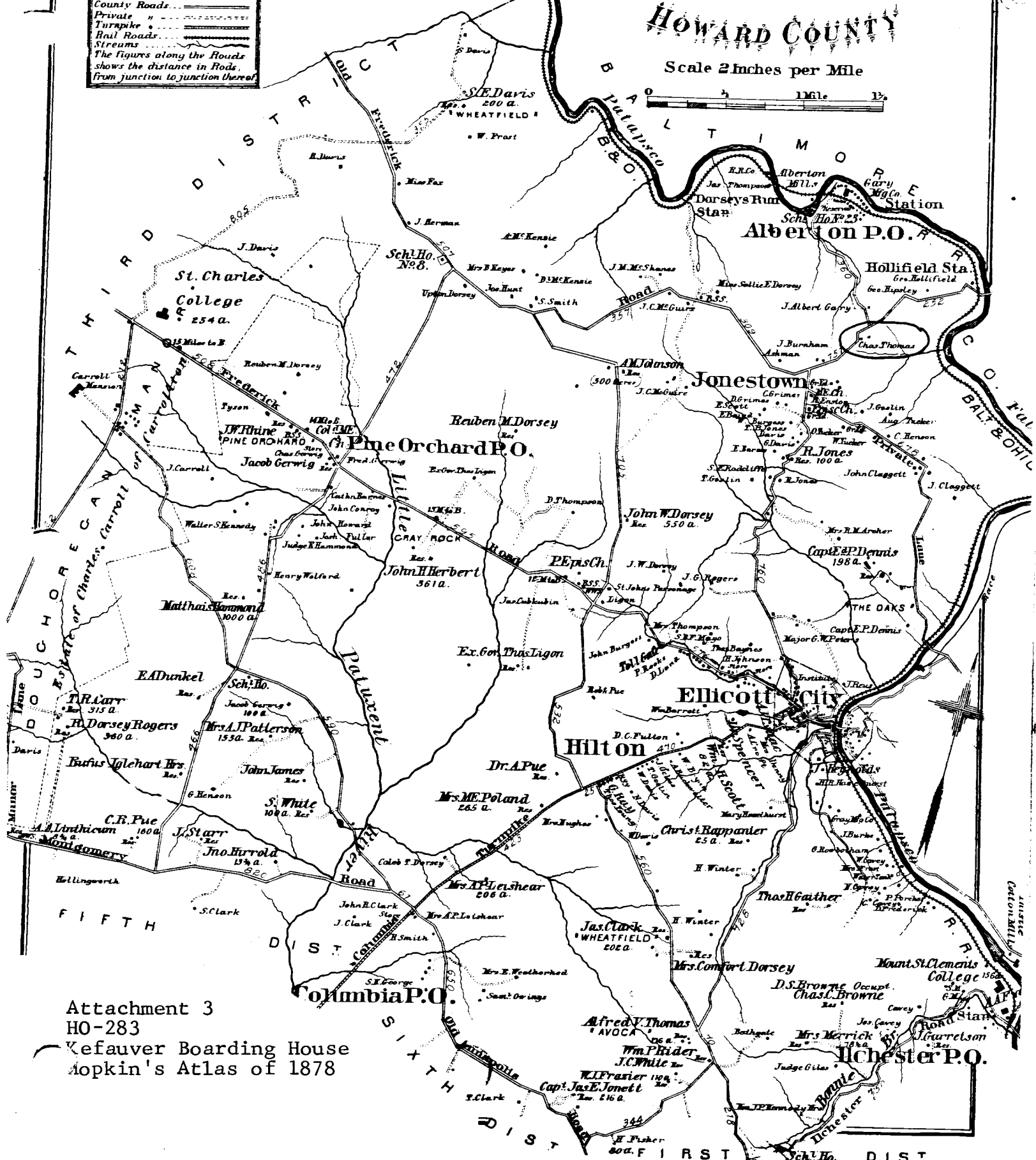
Tax Map 18

SECOND DISTRICT

HOWARD COUNTY

Scale 2 Inches per Mile

EXPLANATIONS	
Dist. & Co. Lines	----
County Roads	-----
Private " "
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Rail Roads	-----
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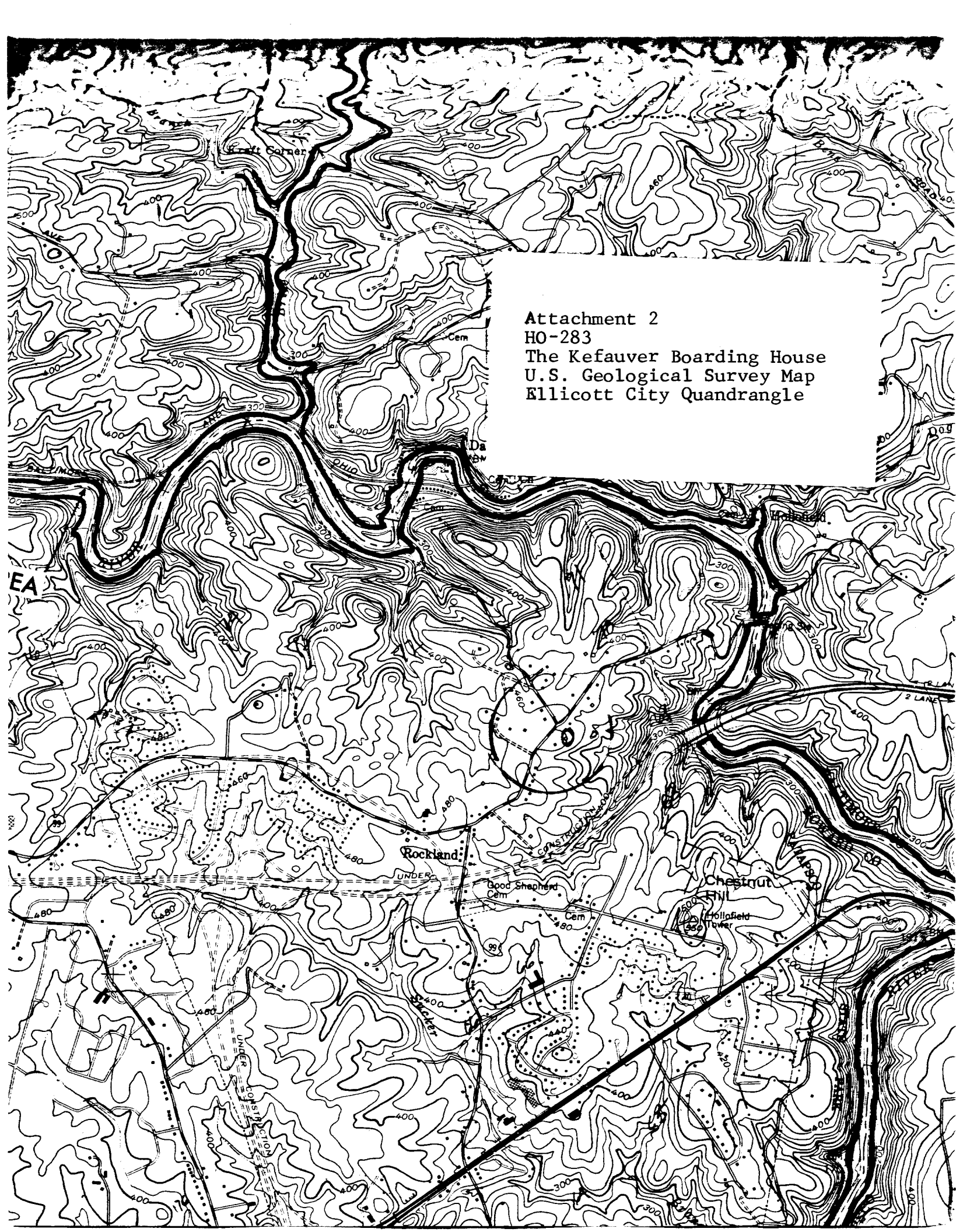


Attachment 3

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Kefauver Boarding House

Hopkin's Atlas of 1878



This is a black and white topographic map of the Ellicott City Quadrangle in Missouri. The map features dense contour lines indicating elevation, with labels such as 300, 400, and 500 feet. A prominent road, likely U.S. Route 40, runs diagonally from the upper left towards the lower right. Several locations are labeled, including 'Rockland' and 'Chestnut Hill'. Two cemeteries are identified: 'Good Shepherd Cem' and 'Cem'. A 'Hollowfield Tower' is also marked. The map includes various symbols for roads, railroads, and other geographical features. A white rectangular box is superimposed on the upper right portion of the map, containing the title information.

Attachment 2
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The Kefauver Boarding House
U.S. Geological Survey Map
Ellicott City Quadrangle



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KEFAUVER BOARDING
HOUSE

EAST

CLEORA THOMPSON, AIF

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